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NO LETUP IN RAIDS ON FOE REPORTED

U.S. Tells of a Third Day of
Air Strikes in North
NYTimes

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Friday, Sept. 29 (AP)—American fighter-bombers attacked North Vietnam's transportation system and military depots Wednesday with more than 300 raids for the third successive day, the United States command reported yesterday.

In South Vietnam, meanwhile, a general lull in ground fighting apparently continued for the sixth day, with only scattered small-scale actions reported across the country.

Analysts said that intelligence indicated that none of the 14 North Vietnamese divisions in South Vietnam had made any moves to leave the country but, rather, were using the lull to regroup and resupply for a new wave of attacks.

Many of the air strikes Wednesday were reported concentrated on one major target, a sprawling military storage complex 84 miles northwest of Hanoi, which American sources said was a transshipment point for war materials from China.

In the first attack of the war against the depot, the Air Force said, F-4 Phantom jets from three bases in Thailand dropped 2,000-pound laser-guided bombs and conventional 500-pound fragmentation bombs on the target.

Pilots reported that they destroyed or damaged more than half of the 70 buildings in the complex and that numerous storage buildings were left in flames.

Grenade-Killing Reported

In Saigon, where allied intelligence expects an increase in terrorist attacks in the weeks prior to the United States Presidential election, a grenade was reported tossed at a South Korean jeep in the Chinese quarter of the city yesterday morning. The grenade fell into the street, killing one South Vietnamese civilian and wounding four others, the Saigon command said.

In other war action reported yesterday, Communist forces kept up harassing attacks in the north-central coastal province of Quangngai, 75 miles south of Danang, and there were no signs of major progress by Government forces in securing Route 1 in the region. Government rangers just to the south of the fallen district capital of Bato reportedly killed 35 enemy soldiers and captured 22 weapons in beating back a Communist assault. Ranger losses were four killed and 13 wounded, the Saigon command said.

Mass Killings Laid to Foe

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SAIGON, Sept. 28 — The Saigon Government charged today that Communist troops killed "hundreds of inhabitants" of the villages of Nangan and Ducquang in the embattled province of Quangngai last Friday.

In one of the incidents, Saigon charged, the Communists locked a group of women, children and old people in a house that was then blown up, killing 48.